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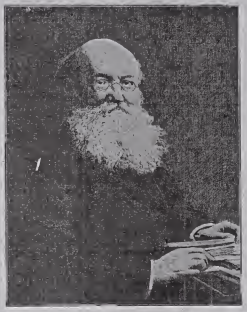
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sonal correspondence and memoranda. We have no doubt they cover pretty well the activities of the movement in the United States. Much of it has already been published in special articles in the *Boston Transcript* for Sept. 16 and 30. It is all political and economic discussion along lines familiar to anyone who has read the usual communist literature.

The defence of the case will be the constitutional right of free speech and free assembly, with the object of carrying the Michigan criminal syndicalism law to the United States Supreme Court, if necessary. It has not been tested since its passage in 1919. Only two cases have previously been brought under it. But the issues should be tried out, too, as far as is properly possible, with public opinion for the effect they may have on similar prosecutions elsewhere, and on the state of mind which encourages repressive measures.

The defence work is in the hands of a special organization known as the Labor Defence Council, with offices at 166 W. Washington St., Chicago.

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IN August the Communist Party of the United States held a national secret convention at the little town of Bridgeman, Michigan, on the shores of Lake Michigan, 120 miles from Chicago. The meetings began on August 21st and were held in the woods near a small summer resort, whose owner was friendly. It was planned to hold a nine-day convention. On the third day the presence of secret service men in Bridgeman was discovered and the convention was therefore hastily adjourned. Most of the delegates left that night. The 17 who stayed over were arrested next morning by a raiding party of state, federal and local Chicago detectives, and lodged in jail at St. Joseph.

They were promptly charged with violating the Michigan criminal syndicalism law, and held in $10,000 bail each. Many of the other 50 or 60 delegates who are alleged to have been present were indicted also, and several have since been arrested in other states. Particular attention was attracted to the arrest and extradition of Wm. Z. Foster of Chicago, who is charged with being present as a fraternal delegate from the Trade Union Educational League, of which he is the organizer.

This case in Michigan differs from other prosecutions of the Communists because it is in fact a national, not a state case. It is an attempt by the federal secret service, under color of "assisting" the Michigan authorities in enforcing a local statute, to stamp out communist doctrines by jailing practically all the officers and active organizers of the communist movement in the United States. The federal government acted through state officers, having no federal law to support any action. The names of half

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Subversive Forces in Our Country

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(Reprinted from January, 1927, *Bulletin of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York.*)

President DEBOST has asked me to speak to you on the subversive forces in our country and how to deal with them, especially pointing out what the New York State Chamber of Commerce can do to help.

This is a question with which I have had much to do, both as a Vice-President of the American Federation of Labor and as the Acting President of The National Civic Federation.

So far as that phase of the subject directly affecting the American labor movement is concerned, there is little that either the New York Chamber of Commerce or the Civic Federation can do, other than to give moral support to its leaders. Such support would do much to overcome the bitter opposition of many employers to our labor organizations, some of whom go so far as to stipulate in their contracts that the workers shall agree never to join a trade union.

The battle with the Communists in the labor movement can be fought out only within the unions themselves. I am proud to tell you that it is being waged with vigor and with success.

During the last ten days you have doubtless noticed the press accounts of the war declared upon the needle trade unions in New York by the Communist wing of those organizations. It has called a mass meeting to be held on January 2 by the Left Wing members of the trade union organizations in this city, to plan an attack upon all bona fide unions. On the other hand, the anti-Communist wing of thirty-five craft organizations in New York, representing an overwhelming majority of the members, has called a meeting for the latter part of this month to combat Communism and Communists wherever found in the trade union movement. This situation is well described in the following extract from a declaration issued by the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union:

"Taking advantage of industrial depression, the Communists were successful in gaining control in some organizations. Two organizations in particular that they have taken over are the furriers and cloakmakers of New York City. They immediately threw them into

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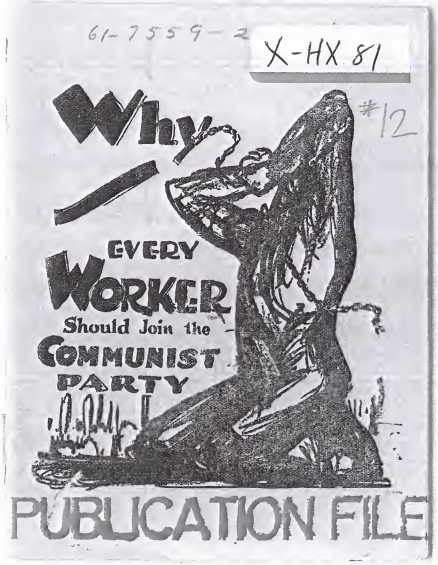
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L.I.D. BLASTS AT 'RACKETS'

EDWARD SULLIVAN UNCOVERS INSIDE GANGSTER-WAR FACTS . . . .

PAUL DOUGLAS MAKES BRILLIANT ADDRESS ON CHICAGO AND CRIME. . .

The League for Industrial Democracy opened their 1930 Convention here last night in a fitting and all-too-proper thunder and lightning storm.

Paul Blanchard, the chairman, was introduced by Norman Thomas (who seemed a bit happy to do so I'm afraid) and Mr. Blanchard began by the usual definition of terms. "Racket" as a term, however, was given some meaning by Mr. Sullivan, author of a book on Chicago Gangsters, who spoke next.

Mr. Sullivan related his experiences, first-hand, with newspapers, police reporting and the crime racketeers. His remarks thrown out as asides, however, proved to be of more immediate vitality than any body of concepts he may or may not have formulated. He had his audience soft with laughter constantly, a quality of laughter by the means confined to the limits of comedy.

Professor Paul Douglas, in the absence of Courtenay Terrett, was the next speaker. He tried to make the point, and succeeded admirably, that the City of Chicago differed in nothing other than the spectacular from any other large American city. The crime racket was merely another enterprise, pitiably lacking in stability and differing but little from all the other even more legitimate fields of money-making in a society whose economic basis was at bost monopolistic and chaotic.

Highlights. . .
That laughter suppressed when

They Tell Us. . .

Even life is a racket. . .Now
Can take the universe racket
And the chromosome racket and
The urge-to-be-immortal racket
. . What's the big L. Idea?...
Some suggested racket topics
Searching into this Inner Secrum
Plus "the religious racket"
"the baseball racket"
"the newspaper racket"
"the marriage racket"
"the sectional patriotism
in America racket"
"the illegitimate babies-
by-Presidents-of-the-
United States Racket"

Another racket that must be
published is the racket in the
screen when the speeches are
being made . . . You should not
call a cance, delectable as the
Canoe may look to you, if
you cannot swim. . . Aaron
Hoist went down to smash Davy
Jones's baggage for him yesday
. If you must swim at night-
time do so in the crib only
. There is a bottomless lake
that too . . . Art Young and
Harwood Broun are on the way to
Europe soon . . . Stewed brains
will not be served this week-
end . . . Make of that what you
will to . . . Celia Bernstein
arrives this evening. . . The
two Siegmeisters are with us
. As if Judge Raphael's son
. Alice Siegmeister who ex-
cited Brooklyn gangsters in
Eagle (pronounced ago) is
acting in our water. . .
Coleman wrote another now
play and dont miss it. . . Nor-
man Thomas is in the case again
. And Sam Freedman we assume
. Telephone operators were
accorded splenty last evening
by female voices asking the
names of the crew races. . .
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L.I.D. lectures; Texas Finn's
sketch; a view from the new
water tower (if you can find it)
Edward Sullivan's book on
Gangsters; Terrett's tome on
New York rackets; calisthonics
before eating; missing a meal, for
the spirit's sake; that "bonded"
feeling, also the ons ending "now
is for that jool all have to
suffer" . getting bus reser-
vations in early and check-out
time if you must; Labor Age
this issue; go to bed early. . .

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Through the summer, lectures
Rosenberg, Epstein, Adler,
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All The News Briefs

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Public Schools Close Today

Wister Book on Roosevelt is
recalled by publishers

Chief Magistrate Mcadoo Leaves
estate of $5,000.

IIO Lawyers Open Lightorage Suit
in Newark

House Passes New Vets Bill

Census Shows 2,298,588 Out of
Employment in Nation

Hoover Dedicates Monument to
James Buchanan (those last
two items should be read together)

King Christian Opens 1000th.
Icelandic Parliament

Stutz, auto king, dies.

Labor Bank Closed in Cincinatti
as two officials are arrested.

Cornell Wins Crew Race. Syracuse
Second, M.I.T. third, California
fourth, Columbia fifth.

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Wimbledon tonnis

Solimson and Mushelison Reach
College semi-finals.

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and Soccer at
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4 P.M. Calisthenics at Lake

4:15-6 Diving and Swim Instr.

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Problems
Chairman...Peter Nehemkis

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This Evening
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"Private Rights in Public Business"
"How the Public Utilities Exploit"
"Anti-Social Insurance"

SPEAKERS: H.S. Raushenbush
Donald Richberg
Abraham Epstein

TOMORROW MORNING
AT 9 A.M.

"Buying Money - the Loan Shark
Business" -Leon Henderson

"The Investment Trust" -John Flynn

L.I.D. Challenges in Tennis

Perhaps that Cornell delegation
feels its feathers after yesterday's
crew race and wishes to form a tennis
team right here and now. Well, Mr.
De Witt feels, at any rate, that the
L.I.D. can have it out on the courts
as well as the convention and issues
a challenge to the rare campers or
staff members that his boys are ready
with rackets (honest to God we didnt
mean that that way) and if so see
Hack Rush on the courts and give him
your entry in the tournament.

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"Yeh, well why dont they expose
the Socialist racket too thats what
I'd like to hear boy one of them throw
that in and see the fireworks then.
I guess them rackets is no different
from any other line. Now you take the
bookwear game, its a racket and so is
furs and before you know it whore are
you? Everythinh's rackets aint they?
Now you take the tea tastors. They
got a racket all their own. They have
to have tongues sensitive to tea,see?
Well, the best tongues gets farmed
out, see and gets all kinds of offers
from companies and what good is a
contract if you can invite one of
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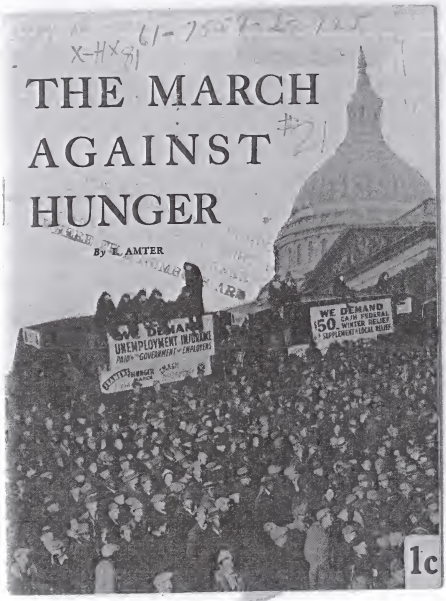
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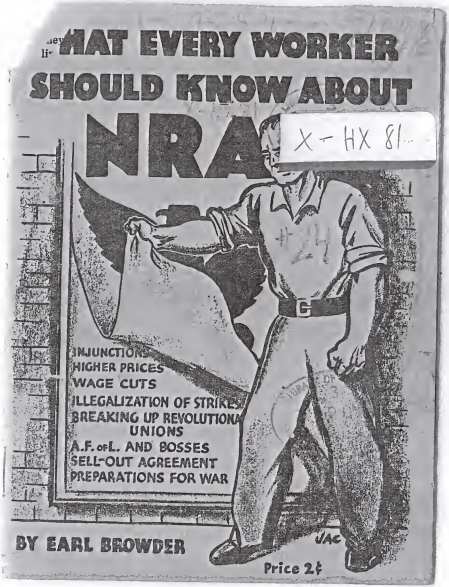
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To Make It a Crime

LAMAR JEFFERS
United States Representative from Alabama

THERE has long been an urgent need for some governmental agency to keep in constant contact with the activities of communist groups in our country, composed largely of aliens who openly advocate the overthrow of our democratic form of government by force and violence. When Congress undertook its investigation, it was generally understood that our government already had such authority as might be necessary to protect itself against any such alien conspiracies and to keep itself fully informed of the activities of those who might be guilty of treasonable action against our institutions. When it was learned that no agency of the government had the funds or the authority to act and after a committee had made extensive investigations into such activities, it became clear to those familiar with these conditions that some remedial legislation along this line was absolutely essential.

I therefore introduced a bill in the 71st Congress which would have provided that any person guilty of advocating or promoting the overthrow of the government by force and violence would be guilty of a crime, and providing for fine and imprisonment for any one so convicted. Another bill, which might be properly called a companion bill, introduced by my colleague, Representative Martin Dies of Texas, would provide for the deportation and exclusion of alien communists. My bill would automatically give much-needed authority to the Department of Justice to check up carefully on the activities of all subversive groups and to be prepared in case of emergency to take the necessary steps for the protection of our institutions and our government. In the meantime it would give these officials the opportunity to prevent the continued spread of communism and communist propaganda in the United States by the apprehension and conviction of any communist leaders who might be carrying on treasonable activities against the government.

The bill failed of enactment in both the 71st and the 72d Congresses, although supported by practically all patriotic organizations. I reintroduced it in the 73d Congress (H. R. 1611), and it is now pending before the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives. If it is to receive favorable action there, it will be necessary for all interested organizations to actively support it and to make requests of the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, as well as their own Representatives and Senators, that they cooperate in securing favorable action before the adjournment of this Congress.

Since the original introduction of this bill, the activities of the communists have rapidly increased in practically all sections of our country, and the *Daily Worker* is constantly carrying on a vicious and concerted campaign, as the official organ of the Communist Party of the United States, to organize all its affiliated groups in a ruthless campaign against the govern-

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Revolutionary Action Now Being Instigated Throughout Length and Breadth of Our Land Likened to Deadly Smallpox Infection—Indisputable Evidence of Redoubled Efforts Here by Third International Since Litvinoff Non-Propaganda Pledge When Soviet Recognition Was Granted.

Utter Impotency of Our Government to Cope with Elements Seeking Its Destruction.

Address to Members The National Civic Federation
By RALPH M. EASLEY
Chairman Executive Council

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SUPPOSE that 500 smallpox victims should meet behind closed doors for the avowed purpose of deliberately organizing a campaign to spread the deadly disease with which they were afflicted!

AND SUPPOSE that they had been carefully chosen at twenty district conventions covering the United States, the selection of those respective quotas having been based upon the virulency of the disease and the ability to spread it!

AND SUPPOSE further that it should be discovered that this national convention of disease-breeding men and women had been organized and instructed upon methods of procedure by a foreign government which, under the pretense of friendship, had been admitted to our shores and whose Ambassador was being lauded and feted at public functions throughout the country!

SUPPOSE all this should occur!

Well, that symbolizes exactly what happened at one of the most dangerous gatherings ever held in the United States—a national convention at Cleveland, Ohio during the first week in April. While the disease was not smallpox, it was quite as virulent and even more deadly in its effects—Communism.

But, there are those who say: "There cannot be anything of that sort here. I read the newspapers and I do not see anything about it in their columns." The answer is that, like the Government, the press has little realization of what the Communists are doing in this country. In fact, both the Government and the press will blandly assure you that no such menace exists.

As showing how little the newspapers can know about what is going on even under their very noses, take that great publication, the *New York American,* which has done so much to expose the dangers of Communism in the United States. The Communists have so many members in its plant at 220 South Street, New York City, that they are even publishing a tabloid paper of their own, called "The Hearst Worker". Of course, they do not flaunt this underground enterprise before the officials of the *American* but it has been flourishing for two years. Also, we have seen a paper gotten out by the Reds on the *World Telegram* and we are told that similar conditions exist in other newspaper plants—how many, we do not know. We do know that they are honeycombed by Communists and Socialists, and that those elements are not confined to the mechanical departments but are to be found in the editorial sanctums as well as in the book review, dramatic, art and other departments.

To get back to the smallpox simile: How many Amer-

ownership of property and the destruction of parliamentary and constitutional government. Destructive revolution is inevitable, since the present owners of private property control the military and police forces of the nation and they would not give up their constitutional rights without armed opposition.

If I were in any one of several European countries and were suspected of even dreaming of such a program of agitation, bribery and armed revolution, I would be taken out and shot."

In considering the foregoing emanations from this national Communist leader, it should be borne in mind that he was merely spreading in New York the same virus which is being spread throughout the length and breadth of the land by the Communist Party of the U. S. A. Those who seek comfort in the fact that there are only 25,000 dues-paying members in the Communist Party either ignore or are unaware of the penetrating influence of those trained, active Communists. If only one "Typhoid Mary" could do so much harm, what could not the 500 "Typhoid Marys" who attended the Cleveland Convention, plus the rest of the 25,000 dues-paying "Typhoid Marys," plus the 500,000 "Typhoid Mary" affiliates, do to our land?

Communist Hand Seen in Strike Wave

One answer is found in the strike wave throughout the country which, in accordance with instructions from Moscow, has been developed and accentuated by the immediate entrance of the Communists into such industrial centers as Minneapolis, Detroit, Toledo, San Francisco, Imperial Valley, Birmingham, Baltimore and Camden. It does not require thousands of Communists to instigate a big strike; in fact, a "nucleus" of only six shoe workers tied up the whole industry in Haverhill, Massachusetts, while it took only twenty-two Communists to bring about the Minneapolis strike. They are fanatical zealots who know no defeat. Down them today and they are "on the job" again tomorrow. And yet, national voices are denying that there is any menace in Communism!

Mayor La Guardia came face to face with this damnable doctrine when a band of 1,500 men and women marched to City Hall after holding a demonstration outside the headquarters of the Department of Public Welfare. Shaking his finger in the face of the leader of the Communist sponsors of that demonstration—as well as the riot of a week ago which resulted in the injury of a number of policemen—the Mayor exclaimed:

"You want to see these poor people starve so that you can mislead and incite them to beat the police! We are trying to feed the people and we are doing it, despite the obstacles that people like you are putting in our way. . . . I know your kind, Gaynor. You don't want relief. You want to incite unfortunate people to riot. But you can't

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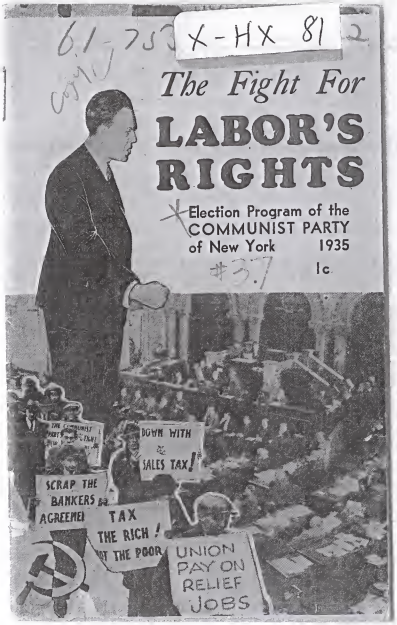
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RID METHODIST CHURCH OF RED INCUBUS!

How Much Longer Will Its Name Be Exploited by the "Methodist Federation for Social Service"? That Great Church Has been Led to Declare Against All Profit, Property, Inheritances and Interest, and to Demand a New Social Order or, In Other Words, The Co-operative Commonwealth

By RALPH M. EASLEY

(Chairman Executive Council, THE NATIONAL CIVIC FEDERATION)

"New Deal Failing, Methodists Hold. Social Service Unit Charges Roosevelt has Fallen Down on His Promises," is the startling headline over a statement in the *New York Times* of February 4, 1935, issued by the Methodist Federation for Social Service of which Bishop Francis J. McConnell is president, Dr. Harry F. Ward the executive officer and Miss Winifred L. Chappell secretary.

A second statement issued within the month by that organization appeared in the *Times* of February 11, 1935, headed "Methodists Open Liberty Crusade."[1]

The *Literary Digest* of February 16, in an article headed "Methodists Assail Roosevelt," refers to the foregoing pronouncements and opens with the following paragraph:

> "Roosevelt performance has failed utterly to live up to Roosevelt promise, according to a study report prepared by Dr. Harry F. Ward and Miss Winifred L. Chappell, of the Methodist Federation for Social Service. The report is, in fact, an indictment,—the second they have drawn up."

A third attack by the Ward organization is discussed in an article appearing in the *Herald Tribune* of March 11, 1935, with the striking headline, "Church Holds New Deal Bag, Methodists Say," and opening as follows:

> 'The Methodist Federation for Social Service, which has become the most voluble critic of the New Deal among churchmen, has just completed a survey of the A.A.A. and the farm situation generally."

The passages quoted from the report include this query:

> "Why don't the 'Christian' capitalists offer to take the rap by renouncing the profit motive?"

One unfamiliar with the facts would naturally take it that these attacks had been made officially by the Methodist Church and represented its views, whereas the Methodist Federation for Social Service is only a self-appointed group having no official connection whatsoever with that Church.

A prominent Methodist, when asked whether the Socialist and Communist diatribes of Ward expressed the views of the Church, declared disgustedly:

> "Certainly not! The Methodist Federation for Social Service, which is Harry Ward's own group, was formed entirely outside of the General Conference and never has been represented in it by any official action. It is located in the Methodist Church building merely because it was smart enough to rent a room there. While it claims to have been established in the interest of social justice, it is guilty of a very great injustice by the dishonest use of the name of the outspoken Church in such a way that the people think the denomination is speaking when, as a matter of fact, the Ward organization has no authority to speak for it."

Communist Affiliations of Harry F. Ward

For years, it has been an open scandal in Methodist circles that the name of the Church should have been so exploited by a man who, in addition to being the executive officer of the Methodist Federation for Social Service[2] and Professor of Christian Ethics at Union Theological Seminary, is at the same time head of the American League Against War and Fascism, a Communist affiliate.

point in refuting any one statement as the entire text is lifted *en bloc* from Bolshevist texts. "Ambassador" Maxtmn [Soviet Representative] is almost correct when he says that he does not carry on propaganda. There is no need of it so long as the Methodists are doing it better than he."

Mr. William English Walling, another expert on Soviet propaganda, in referring to the same number at the time, characterized it thus:[3]

> "This pamphlet consists almost solely of falsehoods. Indeed, it is far more shamelessly untrue than any Bolshevist publication I have seen since the Bolshevist perversion of truth are systematic, mixed with a certain amount of fact . . . This kind of Bolshevism is far worse than the Bolshevism of Russia because the Bolshevism of the Soviets has stood outside of the churches and existing institutions, denouncing them as wholly evil and making the foolhardy attempt to erect new institutions in their place. **This pamphlet proposes to open the doors of our existing institutions to Sovietism and to capture them for that diabolical cult.**"

Theological Students Inoculated with Red Virus

While discussing Harry Ward's activities in connection with the Methodist Church, it is apropos to comment upon his important position in Union Theological Seminary which has enabled him to spread his Red doctrines in that institution whence scores of young preachers inoculated with the Bolshevist virus are graduated every year.

Just why the seven trustees of Union Theological Seminary—six of whom were Wall Street bankers—should have tolerated on its faculty the presence of such a skilled disseminator of revolutionary ideas, more harmful than any germs scattered by a "Typhoid Mary," it is difficult to understand in view of the fact that the Civic Federation's Committee on Socialism in the Church, under the chairmanship of Everett P. Wheeler, Esquire, took up the matter with those trustees and informed them fully upon Ward's subversive record. The exhibits given them included a report of an interview with him at the Seminary one morning just before he entered his class-room in the course of which he commended the F. W. W.'s and sent the interviewer to get material on Bolshevism to Rev. Julius F. Hecker, then an official in the International Y. M. C. A. and now a part of the Soviet political machine at Moscow.

Even at that time, Ward was so powerful in the Seminary that the trustees offered the lame explanation that, however embarrassed they were over his connection with it, they deemed it unwise to ask for his resignation but that they would put in another man to neutralize his radicalism. So far as we can ascertain, however, that was not done and Dr. Ward stood on the threshold of his life's objective, only a year ago, some of the students ran up a red flag on the Seminary campus. This greatly incensed the President, Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin, who declared in his last report that he did not intend to have Union Theological Seminary "used as the guinea pig for some future Soviet." Nevertheless, Harry Ward seems to be still "on the job."

Striking examples of the pernicious workings of the Ward virus are seen in action taken at various Methodist meetings and conferences. At the 1933 annual meeting of the New York East Conference, consisting of 300 laymen

responsibility of profitable investment, to the end that the income therefrom may be available for carrying on the necessary work of the denomination."

"The resolution is aimed at the very foundation of present organized philosophy. It suggests the elimination of profits, and if this should happen it would mean the cessation of all income from endowments and the invested funds of the denomination."

Reverting to Ward's vindictive attack upon President Roosevelt, it is not surprising that his Methodist friends should bitterly resent the attempt to make the great Methodist Church appear openly antagonistic toward him and his Recovery Program. While sounding like the attacks launched by Republican leaders, by the American Liberty League, the Crusaders and all the other anti-administration groups, Ward's onslaughts are made not from their standpoint but from that of his Communistic anti-capitalistic affiliations stressed every day by the Communist Party of the U. S. A. in its official organ, the *Daily Worker*.

It is hoped that the Methodist General Conference in 1936 will deal with the McConnell-Ward-Chappell radical aggregation without gloves. In a sense, it is fortunate that Ward has been bold enough to launch his attacks upon the President at this time because they will serve to bring the issue to a head at that Conference. Every effort should be made thoroughly to inform the six hundred participating delegates upon this issue before the Conference convenes that they may be prepared to drive Pacifism, Socialism and Communism out of the Methodist Church.

Marxism Pure and Simple

This warning is particularly important because the self-same Harry Ward and his Red coterie, strange as it may seem, succeeded at the 1924 General Conference in having adopted and injected into the Discipline, the fundamental law of the Church, without a dissenting voice the following Karl Marxian declaration on private property:

> **". . . Wealth accruing to the holders through monopoly values or special privileges, or through large opportunities for costless saving, is not earned, and wealth created by society should be devoted to the development of all the people in ways to be determined by the people themselves."**

That such action could have been taken consciously by the six hundred participating delegates—bishops, preachers, bankers, judges, lawyers, manufacturers or all—seems inconceivable. Inquiry developed the fact that only a handful knew of the adoption of the declaration and what it implied.*

It came as a distinct shock to the Methodists when they learned that their Church had declared officially against the whole institution of private property—profit, the wage system, inheritances, interest, rent, and so forth. A movement was then started to have the offensive clause stricken from the Discipline at the next General Conference in 1928.

While the delegates there made short shrift of that revolutionary proposition and settled down in the fond belief that the radical hold upon the Church had been broken, they were chagrined to find, upon the issuance of the new Discipline, that there had been sneaked into the Social Creed of the Churches, a part of the Discipline, a declaration for "**the supremacy of the service, rather than the profit motive in the acquisition and use of property on the part of both labor and capital,**" which is Marxism pure and simple; and also one for "The right of labor to organize with representatives of their own choosing, and where able, *to share in the management*, the italicized portion being a Socialist proposal which, like the foregoing declaration, has no place in the Methodist Discipline; and it is to be hoped that both will be stricken from it at the next General Conference.

It may be proper to explain why I take such an interest in this particular situation. Having been reared in the Methodist Church, although not now a member, I feel

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A Powerful Patriotic Sermon by Rev. William Edward Biederwolf, Minister of the Royal Poinciana Comunity Chapel at Palm Beach, Florida, on January 26, 1936.

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TEXT—*"In the Latter Days Perilous Times Shall Come."*—2nd Timothy 3:1.

It is a matter of tremendous importance about which we are to preach this morning.

If there is any reason for thinking that the spirit of this thing in our midst known as Communism is to any considerable degree gripping the minds of the American masses, then the undisputed fact that the teachings of this system of social philosophy are not only absolutely subversive of the principles underlying every form of representative government, including that of our own, but are viciously antagonistic to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and all it stands for, gives us most certainly sufficient ground for presenting the matter from a Christian pulpit.

Of the fact that the spirit of Communism is abroad in the land, and that to an alarming extent, no one with eyes open to see can possibly deny. I am not an alarmist when I say to you that America is threatened with the poison of Bolshevik sedition and that it is high time we were awake to the seriousness of the situation; for thoughtful men are telling us that unless these forces of iniquity are checked by the power and mercy of Almighty God we can hardly expect the American public to escape.

I am not so sure but that there is more of truth than most Americans may be willing to admit in the words of William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor. Certainly Mr. Green, with his reputation for careful thought and sober judgment and all his vast experience is a man who has a right to be heard, and even more than the American people may think it might pay them to give heed to what he says. And this is what he says: "If and when the Third International, in response to the Russian Communist Dictatorship, believing that the hour has struck, sends to American Communism the command, 'Fire!' the guns of revolution will blaze upon our streets and the issue will be settled in the blood of our people."

You say, That hour will never come to America. Let us hope that it will not. But the enemy is within our gates and as a nation of God-fearing, liberty-loving people we should be asking ourselves the question, "What are we going to do about it?" For it is impossible to conceive of two groups more diametrically opposed to each other than the patriotic, home-loving, God-fearing American citizens and the [illegible] political paranoiacs who follow the Red Flag.

Now, a word about the program of this unholy system of social philosophy which is asserting itself so vigorously throughout the world today. It has certain well-defined objectives—certain regulatory and revolutionary doctrines as touching the economic, the social, and the religious life of the people. But to realize these objects it becomes necessary, they declare, and consequently their intention, to overthrow by violence and bloodshed, if necessary, the established governments of the world and to substitute therefor in each nation a ruthless Stalin type of Dictatorship, and which together are to constitute The International Communistic Commonwealth.

If anyone is inclined to doubt the reliability of this statement, it will be well for him to read some of the statements made by the leaders of this movement themselves:

Let the Ruling Class Tremble

The last paragraph of the Marx and Engels Manifesto reads as follows:

"Communists scorn to hide their views and aims. They openly declare that their purpose can only be achieved by the forcible overthrow of the whole existing social order. Let the ruling class tremble at the prospect of a Communistic revolution."

When Trotsky left New York for Russia in March, 1917, the last thing he said in addressing a large audience was:

"I want you people to organize and keep on organizing in order that you may be able to overthrow this dirty, rotten government of the United States. I am going back to Russia to overthrow the government there and stop this war with Germany."

Mr. M. J. Olgin, the Russian-born editor of the New York "Morning Freiheit," recently wrote:

"We Comunists say there is only one way to abolish the capitalistic state, and that is to smash it by force; this means civil war."

And here are some choice remarks from Gregory Zinoviev, notorious in the Moscow dictatorship:

"We hope that the party will, step by step, conquer the proletarian forces of America and in the the not distant future raise the Red Flag over the White House."

When Lenin came into his place of power he made the following announcement:

"The dictatorship of the proletariat is nothing else than power based upon force and limited by nothing—by no law and no rule."

And here is the most recent official utterance of Dictator Stalin:

"Before the Soviet power can fulfill its function it must be established throughout the world—that is what it was born for! We will continue to fight as a Proletarian Dictatorship for the World Revolution."

These statements are only a few out of many, and on every hand the propaganda in the interests of such a world-wide conspiracy are so conspicuous that we are justified in saying it is high time that God-fearing and patriotic citizens should consider seriously the significance of this threatening cloud. Otherwise I believe the world is due for a rude awakening. You may call it "a little cloud like a man's hand" if you wish, but the menace is no longer so slight, and God knows, and only knowsful men can surmise, whereunto it will grow.

This program, they expect to accomplish by promoting economic wars and later by means of military power. It might be well to quote just here the words of William Z. Foster, the perennial candidate for the presidency of the United States on the Communistic ticket. He says:

"When a Communist heads a government in the United States—and that day will come just as surely as the sun rises—that government will not be a capitalistic government, but a Soviet Government, and behind this government will stand the Red Army to enforce the Dictatorship of the proletariat."

"This means," says William Green, "that if and when there is an outbreak of sufficient revolutionary character in the United States to convince the red chiefs of a chance of success, the Red Army of the Soviets will be thrown into the conflict."

Almost every nation in the world is feeling right now the effect of Communistic propaganda. It rules, of course, in Russia, and with a bloody hand, Germany is full of it, India is seething with it, China has been torn almost limb from limb with it, while Japan, South America, Mexico, and our own United States are all feeling the effects of its nihilistic and destructive influence.

There are reasons why the United States furnishes a most, if not the most, inviting field for the Red forces to carry on their work. Its cosmopolitan population, made up so large [illegible] foreigners sympathetic with what Communism [illegible] and [illegible] dissatisfaction among our own toiling masses with present economic conditions —these two things present a very fertile soil for the sowing of Bolshevik seed. It is furthermore inviting, for with America flying the Red Flag, further conquest looking toward world dominion they feel will be practically assured.

How little the average individual realizes the extent to which this Red propaganda is being carried on in this land of our today!

DO YOU REALIZE that the revolutionary Communists in the United States today are rapidly approaching the 3,000,000 figure?

DO YOU REALIZE that there are twice as many Communists in the United States today as there are at the present time in the Communist Party in Russia, where 150,000,000 people are subject to its tyrannical will?

DO YOU REALIZE that there are six times as many members in the American Communist Party as there were in Russia at the time of the bloody Bolshevik Revolution?

DO YOU REALIZE that there are over 600 Red newspapers and magazines circulating in this country today?

DO YOU REALIZE that there are over 6,000 paid speakers daily and nightly poisoning the minds of our masses with this un-Godly and un-American doctrine?

DO YOU REALIZE that there are over 35,000 paid organizers devoting their time to this diabolical end?

More Communists in U. S. Than in Russia

DO YOU REALIZE that there are 610 National Communist Organizations, with thousands of state and local branches, organizations where the masses toward revolutionary action?

DO YOU REALIZE that these organizations spend over $6,000,000 every year to promote civil war in the United States with a view to establishing a Soviet America?

DO YOU REALIZE that over 100,000 copies of Stalin's book on "Lenin and Bolshevism" have been circulated among wage earners of this land?

DO YOU REALIZE that there are 49 Summer Camps where 20,000 boys and girls are taught every summer to hate everything American and to get ready for the coming proletarian revolution?

DO YOU REALIZE that this seditious propaganda has wormed and weaseled its way into practically all of our educational institutions where large numbers of the students have organized themselves into Communistic Societies?

DO YOU REALIZE that Columbia University has a Communist Club of over 700 members and that over the door of their club room is the "Sickle and Hammer"; that

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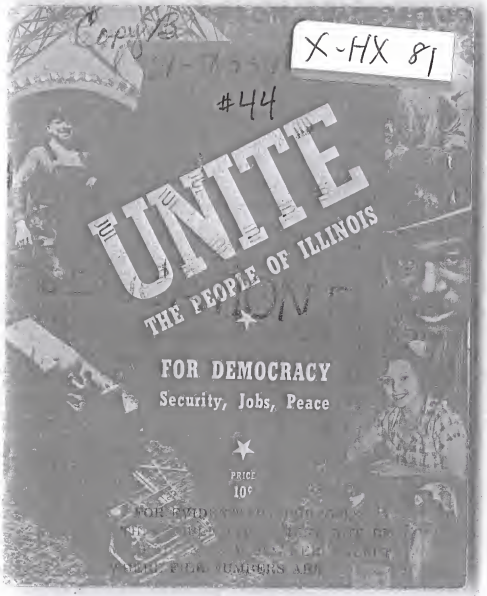
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CIO GAINS DESPITE RECESSION

WORKERS FRATERNAL INSURANCE DANCE ATTACKED BY THUGS

WANTED TO BEAT TRAVIS, THEY SAID

Several men and women were badly beaten as a group of hoodlums, led by Bert Harris, attacked a Recreational Ball held by the International Workers Order at Lakeside Park on the evening of March 18th.

Their avowed intention was to beat up Bob Travis, who was scheduled to be a speaker at the function but was unable to attend.

Failing to find Travis, they attacked with methodical brutality a number of other persons, singling out their victims and "ganging up" on them in bunches of three and four.

The International Workers Order is a fraternal insurance organization of working men

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WARNING!

Auto workers, don't be provoked into wild-cat strikes or unauthorized actions

The management is employing every means of provocation at its command to try to incite just such actions, which would serve as a basis for new attacks upon the union.

The agreement which was just signed is bad and unnecessarily so, as evidenced by the fact that other CIO unions have either renewed their agreements unchanged or improved them; but we must not disregard the fact that it is now in effect and its obligations are binding.

We call upon all brothers and sisters to support the union. The union will go forward as in the past, but only after we wipe out all the disunity and factionalism in our ranks, which is responsible for our present condition. Then with militancy, discipline, and solidarity, we will strengthen our union to reopen negotiations for a better agreement as soon as the time is favorable.

Union News Service Recounts Membership Growth Despite Firing of Millions in U. S. ..... Predicts Big Increase on Upturn

(Reprint from the Union News Service of the CIO March 4, 1938)

It's a simple matter of addition to tell how the CIO is doing these days.

Granting that the bottom has almost been knocked out of American industry by the depression, that millions have been laid off, and that the biggest fight of the CIO is to see that the government provides work and adequate relief for them--yet in spite of this the CIO is scoring daily victories in organizing the unorganized, winning elections and new contracts, renewing old contracts and generally maintaining wage levels against concerted attack.

Just write down the following events of the past

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Chevrolet Division to Elect Officers

Chevrolet workers are faced with the important task of electing officers for the Chevrolet division of Local 156. Jobs to be filled are: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Recording Secretary, Guide, Sergeant at Arms, and three

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TAX INCREASES SOUGHT HERE

Home Owners, Tenants Must Stand Together to Maintain 15 Mill Tax Limitation

On June 20th Flint voters will decide on the question of leaving the 15 mill tax untouched or raising the levy to 21 mills. A well organized campaign has been carried on in the past few weeks to put over this increased taxation on property already overburdened with [illegible]. Certain business and industrial interests, whose properties are assessed at a small fraction of their actual value are seeking to shift the burden to the small home owner by the proposed increase.

The ground for this move was crudely paved by closing the schools a month early with the claim that there was not enough money to operate, hoping to frighten the people into favoring higher taxes. But we ask, where will the money come from to carry through the special referendum on this issue, and to equip, train and pay the vigilante "police reserve," which the City Commission has authorized and for which there is no need? These are questions which must be answered before any

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CONSUMERS POWER CO. ON TRIAL FOR FOSTERING A COMPANY UNION

(Hearing before the National Labor Relations Board on charges of violation of National Labor Relations Act.)

Jackson, Mich. May 14-- Threat of $5,000 fine or a year in prison, or both, the penalty contained in Section 12 of the National Labor Relations Act for persons convicted in U. S. Court of impeding the progress of any NLRB hearing, failed Friday afternoon to bring into evidence books and records of the Independent Power Employees Association. It was Attorney Frank C. Painter, counsel for the Independents, who had refused to turn them over, thus openly defying the NLRB's order. However, by noontime on Saturday, Painter had a quick change of heart and approached Board Examiner Whittemore after adjournment was called, saying that he was sorry and that he was ready to surrender to the order of the NLRB and hand over the records.

Under vigorous cross-examination by Maurice

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ELIMINATE FACTIONALISM

The factionalism which has done tremendous harm to our union in the past few months is on the way out.

Trade unionists who know the dangers of factionalism are coming forward and waging a fight against split ranks. These honest unionists come from both groups who in the past fought one another with sharp bitterness. Today this energy which was being wasted in the factional fight--union brother against union brother--is being directed against factionalism itself. In other words, they have stopped working for their caucus, which ever one it may have been, and are giving their full support to the interests of the union as a whole. This is a healthy attitude and one which spells defeat for the enemies of unionism.

A strong union is a united union, and we call upon every trade unionist to help eliminate factionalism and the professional factionalist.

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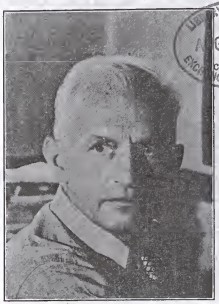
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THE C.I.O. CONVENTION

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The recent national convention of the CIO marked an important milestone in the development of the CIO and the American labor movement.

This great convention, representing and expressing the militancy, the organized power, the urgent economic demands, and the anti-war sentiments of all sections of the trade union movement, as well as of its own four million militant members, administered a series of heavy blows to the economic royalists and the imperialist war-makers, and to their agents within the labor movement. It charted a course which in a number of vital respects can further strengthen the CIO and enhance its influential role in the political life of the nation.

The reactionaries from Morgan and Ford, Roosevelt and Willkie, to Hillman, Green, and Woll had counted upon and prepared to utilize the CIO convention to disrupt the CIO and to divert it from the progressive orientation which it has followed, in the main, since its inception in Atlantic City five years ago. They speculated upon and strove to exploit the sharp differences within the ranks of the CIO which arose over the presidential elections in order to divide the organization, to obstruct its progressive activities, and to purge the CIO of all militant workers and leaders who have come forward in the recent period and played such a constructive role in leading the struggles of the workers and building the CIO.

Above all, the Administration and its labor lieutenants, such as Hillman, planned to use the "national defense" program of Wall Street and its government as the main instrument for paralyzing the CIO movement, for harnessing the CIO completely to the Administration's war program, and for blackjacking the CIO into accepting a reactionary form of "labor unity" under the domination of the Greens and Hillmans.

But, on the whole, the reactionaries did not succeed in attaining their immediate objectives in the convention. The overwhelming majority of the convention delegates, responsive to the will of the entire CIO membership, adhered to the established policies of the CIO and laid the basis for enabling the CIO organizations and membership to make new contributions towards safeguarding the rights and welfare of labor and the people, and the cause of peace. And in this connection, it is highly significant that whereas the majority of the delegates had supported Roosevelt for re-election as a "lesser evil" to Willkie, the bulk of these same delegates vigorously supported Lewis as against

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Dear Friend:

We are mailing to you for your information, as well as to other local unions in this area, the enclosed editorial reprinted from the Daily Worker of August 15, commenting upon the recent convention of the United Auto Workers Union.

Sincerely yours,

Homer Brooks

Homer Brooks
State Secretary
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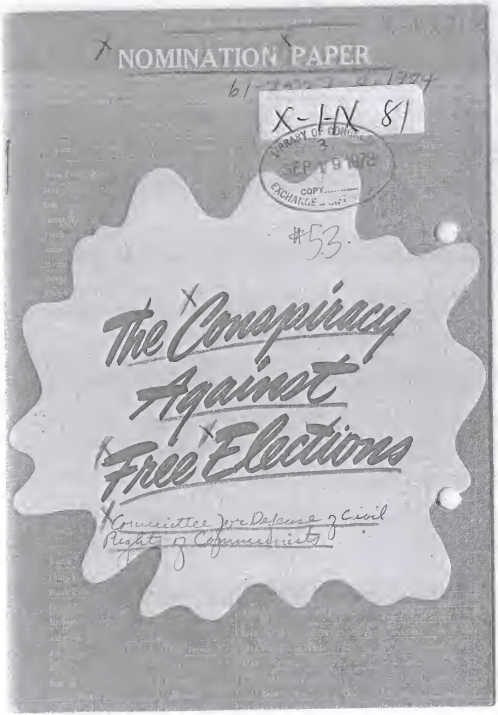
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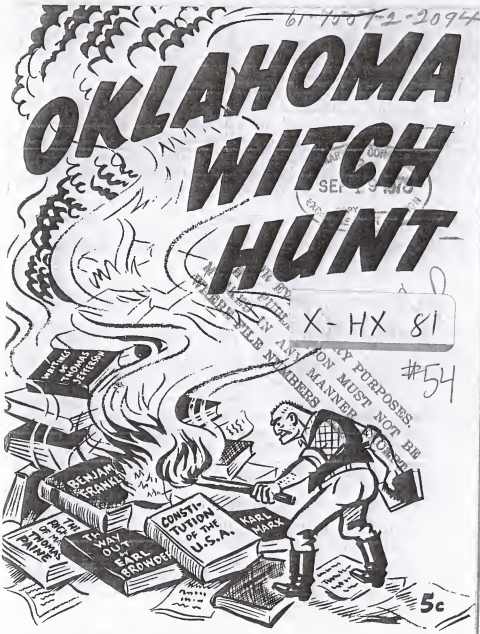
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1941 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM of the COMMUNIST PARTY

TO MEET THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF ILLINOIS

To the Citizens of Illinois:

Workingmen and Women — Negro and White —

To the Toiling Farmers:

The present state legislature convenes with the Republicans in control for the first time in a decade.

After the continued criminal failure of the Democratic Party to meet the problems of relief, housing, taxation, civil rights, etc., the masses in Illinois voted against the corruption and hunger program of the Democratic political machine.

But the inaugural address of Green and the type of bills sponsored by his Republican spokesmen in the state legislature reveal that the old clique of LaSalle Street interests, big landlords and bankers remain in control of the state administration.

There is no indication in either the words or deeds of Dwight H. Green and his party leaders that the state administration wishes to be any more responsive to the grave problems of the people of our state than was the Horner regime.

A Program Now

In vain do we search Green's inaugural address for a program of adequate aid for the half million persons whom the IERC in an official

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LABOR HAS MOVED FORWARD

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The great movement of American labor for wage increases and to organize the unorganized, reached its highest point of the recent period with the strikes of the 400,000 miners and of the workers in the Ford River Rouge plant. The return of the miners to work with major victories to their credit and the 10 per cent wage increase won by the steel workers, signalized the fact that a movement embracing millions of workers had succeeded in forcing the capitalists to reverse their stand against granting any wage increases.

The recent strikes once again demonstrate the strength and influence of the CIO, the effectiveness of its policies as developed under the leadership of John L. Lewis and reaffirmed at the last CIO Convention. The outcome of these struggles can serve to further undermine the influence of Hillmanism in the CIO and will give great encouragement to the struggles of the AFL workers who have been kept down and betrayed by the AFL Executive Council.

With the outbreak of the imperialist war and the beginning of U. S. intervention, monopoly capital determined to place the burden of the war program upon the shoulders of the masses and to use this program as a means to stop the advance of labor and weaken its militant organizations. This was to be done in the name of "national defense" and "national unity" and was to be accomplished with the aid of the Hillmans and Greens. At the same time the monopolies and the Roosevelt Administration had the job of winning labor for the war program in view of their almost unanimous opposition to American participation in the conflict. This was to be accomplished by exploiting and distorting the genuine anti-fascist sentiments of the workers, and by dragging the country into the war through the back-door method of "aid to Britain." Here too the Hillmans and Greens were to play an important part.

The first wage demand in the recent period, that of the aluminum workers, felt the immediate influence of these reformist and Social-Democratic leaders. The low-paid workers of the Mellon monopoly were given a miserly two-cent an hour increase in an agreement forced upon the workers by the "socialist" President Zonarich of the Aluminum Workers Union, abetted by Hillman. Here was seen the fruit of the Hillman policy.

The next important struggle was that of the Vultee aircraft workers. Under militant leadership, they defeated every attempt to break strike through terror, red-baiting and appeals to "national unity" and scored an outstanding victory. Here was seen the fruit of the militant CIO policies as reaffirmed at the CIO Convention.

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THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT AND "NATIONAL DEFENSE"

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To all trade unionists in Texas
A.F.L., C.I.O., and Railroad Unions:

Grave decisions must be made by the trade union movement within the next few weeks and months as regards its position in the so-called national defense program. President Roosevelt and "defense" leader Knudsen, ably seconded by Sidney Hillman, Wm. Green, and a host of lesser lights, are demanding that the unions support the administration "defense program", give up the right to strike, accept compulsory arbitration, give up the 40 hour week by ending what Knudsen describes as the week-end blackout in industrial production from Friday evening to Monday morning, increase intensity or speed of work, etc.

As a gesture of cooperation with this program one of the auto union leaders, Walter Reuther, produced a plan for utilization of unused automobile capacity, through pooling, to start production upon a basis of 500 per day, modern pursuit planes. Wm. Green, at the A.F.L. national convention in New Orleans, adopted the "work, sacrifice, and unity" formula of cooperation by labor with the administrations program. The most recent fireside chat by President Roosevelt, and his opening message to Congress, demanded:

a. An end to strikes in "defense" industries, and
b. The beginning of police measures against those described as "slackers", that is, those who oppose the speed-up, the surrender of the right to strike, the abolition of the eight hour day, etc.

Confronted by this kind of a drive for "national defense", labor must make up its mind one way or the other about cooperation or non-cooperation with the Roosevelt program.

If the Roosevelt program were truly dedicated to NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THIS NATION, there is no doubt but that labor would take a leading role in the organization of support for the Roosevelt program. Labor in every land has always been in the vanguard of the struggle for maintaining people's independence from foreign tyrrany.

In reality, the Roosevelt program, except in name, HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH NATIONAL DEFENSE. The Roosevelt program is a program for getting into war, not for democracy's sake, but for economic and political purposes, for imperialist aims. One of the most cynical open admissions of the real meaning of the Roosevelt program is contained in a speech by one of the leaders of the innermost circle of the ruling class, Dr. Virgil Jordan who, in an address before the national convention of the Investment Bankers Association of America admitted:

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MUST THE BILL OF RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY BE SUSPENDED?

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An open letter to all members of District 4 of the Oil Workers Union:

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Dear friends and fellow workers:

The last meeting (October) of the District 4 Council of the Oil Workers Union passed a resolution demanding that the Communist Party be outlawed by legislation.

In voting for this resolution there is no doubt but that the majority thought that this action would contribute to defense of the American people from subversive, un-American activities--and would strengthen democratic institutions in this country. Yet the opposite result will be the consequence of this action, provided that other important sections of labor take a stand similar to the District 4 Council resolution--and for these reasons:

Every nation that has outlawed the Communist Party has entered upon the path of suppression of minority movements that does not stop until EVERY LABOR AND PROGRESSIVE ORGANIZATION IS DRIVEN UNDERGROUND. The first large country to suppress the Communist Party was Italy; the next, Germany (after Hitler came to power); and the last example was France. In each of these countries, soon after suppressing the Communist Party, the trade unions were driven underground--and then Jewish, Masonic, and Catholic organizations came in for the axe.

The reason the Communist Party is always the first to be driven underground is because the Communists have always aided the labor movement through their staunch, bitter-end fight against war, against every attack upon the working class. Tom Girdler, Martin Dies, Henry Ford, are the most bitter enemies of the working class, and the chief red baiters in the country--because they fear that as long as the Communist Party is active they cannot get away with their attacks upon labor legislation, upon collective bargaining, etc.

The anti-labor elements use spies in the trade union movement whose purpose is not only to report members of the union to the employers, but whose most important job is to split and divide the ranks of labor --well, these spies are invariably red baiters. As members of the CIO you should be familiar with the activities of some of these red baiting spy groups. It is to be remembered that Homer Martin also began with his drive to suppress the Communists. Now Martin is publicly known as an employee of Henry Ford. We therefore believe that the resolution passed by District 4 Council was presented by persons who are not properly informed, or who are being influenced by persons out to destroy the labor movement. We also must not forget that Jerry King, alias Medeiros, who with the cry of "communist" attempted to and almost succeeded in destroying the Maritime Union, is now in jail charged with murder, as is Wiley McQuistion.

Division of the workers along political lines always works to the advantage of the bosses; and to red bait active, militant progressive workers

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SOME COMMENTS ON THE RESOLUTION ON THE UNITED STATES BY THE NATIONAL COMM.

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By Fred Norman

In many ways the American resolution is the most important one before the convention. It is on this political basis that the party will carry on its organizational activity. Yet so self-evident are the inadequacies of the National Committee resolution that its supporters are forced to admit its deficiencies. In fact, the most distinctive feature of the National Committee resolution is that it has "nothing" to say. The rise of the PAC, state intervention, the GM slogan: "Open the books", are duly noted and recorded. But there is not one scientific generalization, conclusion or perspective of the developing objective situation in America today upon which to build the party program.

Speaking of the coming crisis all the resolution in essence says: "It will be featured by mass unemployment, fierce struggle and greater class consciousness on all sides, a factor which is ever present today" (p.8). "The rise and development of the PAC movement is highly significant" (p. 11). "Already important changes have taken place in the conduct and political thinking of the classes... this new attention paid to the state is a phenomenon of great significance" (p. 8, emphasis ours). Fierce struggle, greater class consciousness, etc. these characterizations of the period ahead are applicable to all periods of the class struggle of the present epoch. The author of the present National Committee resolution recognizes only what everyone recognizes. However, to analyze the new and the decisive elements in the situation, demand more than those vague generalizations.

Further, "The inhibitions and frustrations felt by the working class during the war are now ending and great struggles that cannot but fail to have a sharp political character will ensue." How "sharp" will the "sharp political character" of the "great struggle" be? This is precisely the question which separates the two resolutions and which the National Committee resolution fails to answer.

The Pre-Revolutionary Period

At one point the National Committee resolution wanders off and says: "Each class will strive for supremacy in the next stage of American capitalism." (p. 4) Evidently, the sentence crept in by mistake, for the National Committee resolution implies and Shachtman made it definite at the city wide meeting on "Building the Party", that for the majority no pre-revolutionary period exists today. Irving Howe, most explicit in asserting that we are not in a pre-revolutionary period, poses the question to Johnson: "In a word, are we entering a revolutionary or even pre-revolutionary period?" (Bulletin, Vol. I, No. 9, p. 28)

The theme which runs through the National Committee resolution is the backwardness of the American working class: "Vigorous economic actions as characteristic of the American working class as its political backwardness will be particularly characteristic

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RESOLUTION ON THE PARTY

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THE PRESENT CHARACTER AND ROLE OF OUR PARTY

It is necessary to state again our conception of the role of the party. It is not a question here of the nature and role of the revolutionary Marxian party in general. That is well enough understood and unmistakable. Rather, it is a question of the nature and role of our party, in this country, in the present period. The need for a restatement arises for three reasons: First, proposals are being formulated by some comrades which involve an important change in our conception, which necessitates bringing our conception into sharper relief. Second, some of the older party members have allowed themselves, for a variety of reasons, to be disoriented from our conception without developing any clear or consistent conception of their own. Third, and most important, an increasing percentage of our membership is composed of new comrades who, because of their recent adherence to our party, were unable to participate in the elaboration, discussion and adoption of the conception which has formed the basis of our activity and perspective, and consequently do not have a thorough and systematic grasp of it.

A conception of the role (and therefore the perspective and tasks) of a revolutionary party which is to be concrete and specific (as contrasted with the conception of the role of the party in general, historically), must be based on fundamental considerations. Any conception of the party's role based upon superficial, accidental and incidental phenomena, is worthless and downright misleading. The conception which we have developed has been the result of thoroughgoing thought, the long and rich experience of the revolutionary movement throughout the world, as well as in the United States, and the concrete practical experiences which have permitted us to check our conception repeatedly in the practise of party life and of the class struggle.

Stages of Party Development

Save under the most exceptional circumstances every revolutionary organization develops through three stages or periods. These are represented in its existence as a propaganda group, an agitational group, an action group.

The first period corresponds to the inescapable necessity of assembling and consolidating the initial cadres of the party, its central core, around the fundamental principles and program of the party. The principal task of the organization, to which everything else is rigidly subordinated, is propaganda, that is, the putting forward and the defense of a whole series of connected ideas (the basic principles and program) to a comparatively limited group of advanced elements. Organizations which seek to skip over this stage are sure to flounder and disintegrate. There

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To the officers and members of the
CIO, AFL, and Railroad Brotherhoods in Texas

The Senatorial election campaign now in progress merits the careful attention of every worker, especially of every member of organized labor in Texas, because of the vital issues now confronting the working people of our nation.

During the period since September 1939, that is, at the beginning of the war, tremendous changes have occurred which threaten the best interests, the livelihood, and the lives of the American people.

England, with her vast empire of 450,000,000 people, most of whom live under conditions of colonial servitude and violence, is engaged in a bitter war with Hitler Germany over which shall have mastery over the European continent and the vast colonial empires of Asia and Africa.

Into this imperialist slaughter the Roosevelt Administration wishes to drag the American people so that our own Wall Street profiteers will become the dominant imperialists of the world. Step by step Roosevelt leads this country toward war, in spite of all his promises. At the beginning the embargo on shipments of war materials was removed--then came conscription, and enormous appropriations for armaments--then the lend-lease bill, agitation for convoys, for seizing Dakar, the Azores Islands, Martinique, and now the agitation to fight for freedom of the seas, that is, for the United States Navy forcibly to break the German submarine and air blockade of England.

While the capitalist nations of the world plunge deeper into the war, only the Soviet Union maintains its armed neutrality, because only there are there no imperialist profiteers to make blood money out of a war.

Here in America food costs have risen between ten and fifteen per cent since the beginning of the war--profits of the big corporations have risen forty and fifty per cent. Wages are being kept down except where the workers repudiate the Hillman-Frey-Green type of leadership and force wages upwards by strike action.

Yet every single one of the major candidates for Senator: Martin Dies, Governor O'Daniel, Lyndon Johnson, and Gerald Mann

February 24, 1941

To the working people, youth, and to all of
the friends of democracy and civil rights:

Day by day as this country is dragged further into the world struggle for empire, it is becoming evident that civil and democratic rights are being blacked out. The unanimous decision of the Supreme Court condemning Earl Browder to 4 years in prison for using his own passport to identify himself upon returning from abroad is only the latest and most serious of events indicating that this country is taking the road followed earlier by Germany, Italy, and France, and now also by England, leading to complete destruction of all democratic rights, not alone of Communists but of all people's organizations.

Here, during the present session of the State Legislature, we already have seen bills introduced, designed in the name of "national defense" to eliminate picketing on highways adjacent to industrial plants, to provide for arrest without warrant, to provide for establishment of so-called "home guards", strongly reminiscent of Hitler's storm troopers and of the Austrian heimwehr, to outlaw the Communist Party through a criminal syndicalism statute, to establish a little Dies Committee for the purpose of terrorizing all opposition to the war program, etc.

This process taking place can only be checked if trade unions, civic and religious groups, all people's groups, become aroused and refuse to permit any further restrictions upon democratic rights. The Communist Party itself cannot halt this creeping blackout of the people's rights; nor is it mainly the Communist Party which will suffer the consequences. Should the trend not be reversed, it will be the trade unions that will be co-ordinated into some American variation of the German labor front with, instead of Dr. Ley at the head, perhaps Sidney Hillman at the head. Protestant and Catholic groups can likewise expect to suffer the fate of the imprisoned church leaders of Germany.

We therefore earnestly call upon all of you, not for our sake but for the sake of the future integrity of your own organizations, to take immediate steps to make known to the proper committees in the Senate and in the House of the State Legislature your opposition to the anti-democratic measures now being discussed there, and to communicate with the Department of Justice and with President Roosevelt requesting that Earl Browder be unconditionally freed from the political persecution now in progress against him.

TEXAS STATE COMMITTEE
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Introductory Remarks:

The State Committee wishes through the medium of this letter to give some guidance and stimulation to activity of our Party branches, our actives in the trade union movement, and to non-Party progressives in reference to urgent legislative issues which vitally affect the people of our state. In this letter we will not attempt to substitute for the much more ample coverage given national legislative issues by the Daily Worker and a portion of the trade union press, but to supplement these sources and to draw particular emphasis to key legislative issues.

National Legislative Issues

1. The press interview of President Roosevelt proposing the program of circumventing the Johnson and Neutrality Act safeguards against further edging into war, by means of loaning production facilities, ships, airplanes, guns and munitions, instead of loaning money or credit, now places before the peace movement the urgent need of immediately intensifying the legislativd struggle for peace. The key questions dealt with in a recent legislative program issued by the American Peace Mobilization in Washington. are: Strengthening the Johnson Act and Neutrality Act loopholes, which permit the President the opportunity to circumvent the spirit and purpose of these acts; stop the transferal of American ships to the British (which in Houston, for example, is now resulting in near paralysis of coastwise shipping); return to a policy of strict neutrality as between the two European belligerent camps, while preparing to collaborate with China, the Soviet Union, and Latin American peoples with the view toward restoring peace to the world. As to the Far East, the APM program proposes that real aid be given China, both directly in the form of substantial credit, and indirectly through embargoing all war materials, including iron and cotton, to Japan.

2. The Smith Bill now before Congress MUST BE DEFEATED. This new bill (not to be confused with the pending Smith Bill to alter the Wagner Act) is directed at the right to strike, and defines stoppage of production in "defense" industries as treason and sabotage.

3. The Marcantonio Relief Standards Bill, together with a bill calling for deficinecy appropriations for relief, will come up immediately after Congress reconvenes in January. The struggle to make relief more adequate is diametrically opposed to the warmakers' program of tapering off relief and making the unemployed starve, act as strike breakers, or join the army.

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After more than five weeks of activity, the State Legislature has very little of a constructive nature to report back to the people. A number of bills dangerous to the maintenance of labor and democratic rights have been introduced and in some instances already passed. Some of these measures are:

1. A Senate resolution introduced by Senator Fain establishing a five-man Senate investigating committee patterned after the Dies Committee. This committee undoubtedly will seek to utilize its investigatory powers to attack all progressive groups, particularly labor organizations, that refuse to be whipped into support of the Roosevelt war program, and to lay the basis for legislation to outlaw minority political and anti-war groups, starting with the Communist Party. --Already passed.

2. An anti-sabotage bill sponsored by the FBI and introduced into the House by Representative Lon Alsup of Carthage, supposedly to deal with sabotage in industry. However, such sabotage is already dealt with adequately by existing laws and it is therefore the new purposes contained in this law which must be the main reason for its introduction. These new provisions authorize the closing of highways adjacent to factories whenever such is "necessary" for national defense reasons--a provision which could be used against strikers or against union organizers seeking to distribute leaflets to workers leaving factories. There is also a provision providing for arrest without warrant.

3. A bill has been introduced by Representative Benton of Wylie to require all office seekers to support the present representative form of government. This bill strictly interpreted would bar from candidacy anyone who proposed any constitutional change whatsoever, and if placed in effect would nullify the right proclaimed by the Declaration of Independence of the people to alter or abolish the form of government whenever such should to them seem oppressive.

4. Open incitement to lynching against those holding anti-war or minority political opinions is contained in the proposal to consider as justifiable homicide the killing by anyone of so-called 5th columnists.

It is clear that unless much greater pressure and activity from labor and progressive groups is forthcoming, this session of the Legislature will go a long way toward blacking out democratic labor and minority political rights.

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